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## **EARLY COMPLETION INTERNSHIP OPTION for Multiple and Single Subject Teaching Credentials**

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The Early Completion Internship Option is intended to provide individuals who have requisite skills and knowledge an opportunity to challenge the course work portion of a Multiple or Single Subject Internship Program and demonstrate pedagogical skills through a performance assessment while in a Commission-accredited internship program. All Commission-accredited internship programs (both university and district) must offer early completion options to qualified candidates.

### **Requirements for the Early Completion Internship Option**

Applicants must satisfy **all** of the following requirements:

1. Bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university
2. Pass the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST). (For more information, contact the CBEST Program, National Evaluation Systems, Inc., P.O. Box 340880, Sacramento, CA 94834-0880, (916) 928-4001, 800-262-5080, or [www.cbest.nesinc.com](http://www.cbest.nesinc.com).)
3. Verify passage of the Teaching Foundations Pedagogy Test (TFPT) (see Terms and Definitions on page 2) (For more information about this examination, contact Educational Testing Service, Teaching and Learning Division, P.O. Box 6051, Princeton, NJ 08541-6051, (609) 771-7395 or (800) 772-9476 or visit their website at [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org).)
4. Complete a course (two semester units or three quarter units) in the provisions and principles of the U.S. Constitution, **or** pass an examination in the subject given by a regionally-accredited community college, college, or university
5. Verify knowledge of the subject to be taught by **one** of the following two methods:
  - a. achieve a passing score on all appropriate subject matter examination(s). Information regarding the appropriate subject matter examination(s), including passing scores and registration, can be found in Verifying Subject Matter Competence by Examination leaflets [CL-674M](#) for Multiple Subject, or [CL-674S](#) for Single Subject, or by visiting the following websites: [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org) and [www.cset.nesinc.com](http://www.cset.nesinc.com)
  - b. complete a Commission-approved subject-matter program or its equivalent and obtain verification of completion from the authorized person in the education department of a California college or university with an accredited program (Multiple Subject candidates verifying subject matter competence via subject matter program must have completed the subject matter program and enrolled in a teacher preparation program or blended program prior to July 1, 2004.)
6. Submit a completed Character and Identification Clearance (form 41-CIC) and Livescan (form 41-LS) or two fingerprint cards (FD-258) and appropriate fees (if not previously submitted)
7. Individuals must have an offer of employment and be enrolled in a college or university with a Commission-accredited internship program. Applications must be filed through the recommending institution.

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## **Requirements for the Preliminary Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential**

- Complete requirements 1 through 7, listed above
  - Pass the Teaching Performance Assessment (TPA) (see Terms and Definitions below)
  - Pass the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA). RICA is a requirement for Multiple Subject Credential candidates only. (For more information, visit the RICA website at [www.rica.nesinc.com](http://www.rica.nesinc.com).)
  - Complete foundational computer technology course work that includes general and specialized skills in the use of computers in educational settings
  - Individuals applying for the Preliminary Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential must be formally recommended by a California college or university with a Commission-accredited teacher preparation program.
- *The recommending institution may require other instruction deemed necessary for the preparation of the candidate.*

## **Terms and Definitions**

### **Teaching Foundations Pedagogy Test (TFPT)**

This written examination allows individuals to demonstrate their knowledge of basic teaching education foundations and pedagogy in order to satisfy the required education courses in a teacher preparation program. This test must be passed prior to entrance in an internship program via the early completion option.

Initial administrations will be available for candidates for the Multiple Subject Credential and the following Single Subject Credentials: English, mathematics, science, and social science.

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### **Teaching Performance Assessment (TPA)**

All teacher candidates will be required to pass the TPA prior to being recommended for the Preliminary Multiple or Single Subject Credential. Candidates who successfully complete this assessment will satisfy the fieldwork component required for the internship program.

Pending the implementation of the TPA, candidates must demonstrate competence of the field experience required by the Commission-accredited internship program in which the candidate is enrolled.

### **Authorization**

The Multiple Subject Internship Teaching Credential authorizes the holder to teach in a self-contained classroom such as the classrooms in most elementary schools. However, a teacher authorized for multiple subject instruction may be assigned to teach in any self-contained classroom (preschool, K-12, or in classes organized primarily for adults). In addition, the holder of a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential may serve in a core or team teaching setting.

The Single Subject Internship Teaching Credential authorizes the holder to teach the specific subject(s) named on the credential in departmentalized classes such as those in most middle schools and high schools. However, a teacher authorized for single subject instruction may be assigned to teach in any subject in his or her authorized fields at any grade level – preschool, grades K-12, or in classes organized primarily for adults.

### **Period of Validity**

The Multiple and Single Subject Internship Teaching Credentials are valid for a period of two years. During this two-year period, the holder must complete the requirements necessary for the Preliminary Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential.

Reference: California Education Code 44468